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EX-KING MICHAEL

#### WAR IN GREECE

### Guerillas On Run

Athens, Dec. 30.—The Government today said that Greek reinforcements, striking from the Jannina area, had driven General Markos Vafthades' guerillas from the hills south and southwest of besieged Konitsa and were smashing at the "iron ring" around the town.

The War Minister, M. George Stratos, said the Government counter-offensive was progressing "successfully and rapidly" and claimed that the guerillas south of Konitsa were retreating northward before an attack of the Eighth Division. He said the town defenders had repulsed all attacks, indicating that relief had not yet reached Konitsa.

A small force of about 700 men is holding the town against attacks by some 3,000 guerillas headed by Markos himself and the townsmen have radioed urgent appeals for help.

#### SUPPLIES FROM AIR

Government Air Force planes, favoured by clear weather over the rugged hills of Northwest Greece, dropped food and other supplies to the isolated Konitsa defenders during the day.

M. Stratos said the advancing troops had cleared the strategic hilltops between Kalpaki and the Bourazani bridge and were advancing toward the Bourazani and Volos bridges, keys to the Konitsa approaches.

It was reported that the United Nations Balkan Commission observation team, including Col. A. C. Miller of the United States, had reached Kalpaki, 12 miles south of Konitsa, and planned to tour the front.—United Press.

#### Singapore Piracy

Singapore, Dec. 30.—Masked pirates seized a small Chinese coastal vessel two miles off Singapore. They looted her of over US\$2,700 worth of coconut oil, and escaped.—Associated Press.

#### EDITORIAL

### A Missing Link

HONGKONG and Canton are at present linked by river, rail, air, radio and through the post offices. There should be a sixth line of communication—radio telephony. Before the war the two cities were able to communicate by trunk line, telephone—a service of enormous value to business. Today the quickest method of contact is by cable. Hongkong and Manila can exchange calls by radio telephony and only the formal approval from Lisbon is awaited to put a similar service into operation between the Colony and Macao. Why is Canton behind the times? The answer, it would appear, is simple. The Chinese authorities are insisting on receiving two-thirds of the total takings as they did under the pre-war agreement. But there is an important distinction which makes it necessary for the Hongkong authorities to demand a 50-50 sharing. The original telephone communications between Hongkong and Canton were by trunk lines, with Canton having to meet a bigger proportion of cable-laying and maintenance charges; hence it was agreed that Canton was entitled to a bigger share of the income. With radio telephony, however, the costs are equally borne and Hongkong, not unreasonably, adopts the attitude that takings should also be

### King Michael's Abdication BELIEVED CAUSED BY HIS ROMANCE

#### Rumanian Republic

London, Dec. 30.—King Michael, the 26-year-old monarch of Rumania, today signed away his throne and all Royal prerogatives left him by his exiled father, King Carol, and a "Popular Republic" was proclaimed in the Communist-dominated state.

An extraordinary session of the Rumanian Parliament tonight unanimously accepted the bill proclaiming Rumania a "People's Republic."

King Michael was known to have quarrelled with his Government over his romance with the 24-year-old Princess Anne, of Bourbon-Parma, but the proclamation announcing his abdication to the Rumanian people tonight gave the reason as the "deep political, economic and social changes" which had taken place in the past few years in Rumania.

"The monarchy represents an obstacle in the way of the development of our State towards a régime of the people's democracy, which guarantees to the working men of our country good material and cultural conditions as well as independence and the sovereignty of the Rumanian State."

"The excellency of the monarchy has opened magnificent prospects to our people's democracy."

"Workers, farmers, intellectuals, soldiers and officers, citizens! Let us raise to new heights the standard of life in our State—the Rumanian People's Republic, the Fatherland of all those who devote themselves to manual or intellectual work in our villages and in our cities."

The proclamation was signed by Dr. Petru Groza, the Rumanian Prime Minister, and all Under-Secretaries of State.

**THE PEOPLE'S DESTINY**

The Rumanian Government, in its proclamation on King Michael's abdication, told the Rumanian people that they had been given the freedom to choose for themselves a new form of State and had "taken their destiny into their own hands."

"The Rumanian people, liberated in 1944 from the yoke of Fascist conquerors and their servants, has taken its destiny in its own hands," the proclamation said.

"Handed by a conscientious and resolute working class allied to an industrious peasantry, the Rumanian people have rejected the régime of the Boyars (the old land-owning families), punished traitors of the interests of the people and eliminated from the State administration all those who protected the interests of their enslavers."

"The Rumanian people have succeeded in installing a democratic regime."

**NATIONAL DEFENCE**

Tomorrow, being New Year's Day, the Telegraph will not be published.

#### STEADFAST COURAGE



Mr R. G. G. Stanton, now First Officer of the Wing Sang, being decorated yesterday at Government House by His Excellency the Governor with the DSO, awarded him for "steadfast courage in the face of overwhelming odds in action between Singapore and Batavia in February, 1942," when he was acting as First Lieutenant of the Li Wo.

Francis Wu.

#### New Year's Holiday

Tomorrow, being New Year's Day, the Telegraph will not be published.

Publication will be resumed on Friday.

The South China Morning Post will publish tomorrow, but not on Friday. Publication will resume on Saturday.

#### FIGHTING IN MUKDEN

Nanking, Dec. 30.—Fierce street fighting is reported to be raging in the suburbs of Mukden, according to usually reliable source in Nanking tonight.

Earlier today, the Vice-Minister of National Defence, General Lin Wei, presented a two-hour report to the Executive Yuan on the military situation in Manchuria in general and Mukden in particular.

Neutral military observers in Nanking tonight were not alarmed over the startling news as they maintained that the Government's position in Manchuria is precarious shown by the strict press censorship imposed in Mukden last Friday.

Another source claims that when the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Manchuria, General Chen Tung-kuo, was in Nanking last week, he suggested to high military authorities here that Nationalist forces should be withdrawn from both Changchun and Kirin to reinforce the garrison at Mukden.

This recommendation was rejected by the authorities who decided that without Changchun and Kirin, the Manchurian capital of Mukden would be untenable.

Reuter—AAP.

#### Salaries Report Tomorrow

It was officially announced this morning that a statement concerning the decision of the Secretary of State on the Salaries Commission's recommendations is in the course of preparation and will be published in the papers tomorrow.

### Savage Communal Riot In Haifa

#### 47 KILLED AND 49 WOUNDED

#### Jerusalem Battle

Jerusalem, Dec. 30.—Arab riflemen stormed a Jewish machine-gun post in Jerusalem's German colony, starting a new gun battle, as darkness fell tonight after the most savage communal riot so far in Palestine's 30-day "masked civil war."

The machine-gun post was reported to be manned by Haganah, the Jewish defence militia. The colony had been evacuated by the Jews shortly after the United Nations partition decision late last month when two Jewish shops were bombed and set on fire.

Jerusalem was cut off from the rest of the world for one hour tonight when Arab telephone operators left their posts in the city's General Post Office.

In the fighting at the Haifa oil refineries today, 41 Jews and six Arabs were killed and another 49 wounded.

British troops and police then occupied the Consolidated Refineries oil factory—the Mediterranean terminal of the Iraq pipeline—and an air of quiet settled on the port.

The German colony was a bedlam of shooting tonight as Arab riflemen were reported to have gone into action against the Haganah machine-gun post.

The oil refinery rioting is the biggest incident since the partition decision touched off the racial disorders in Palestine. The fighting began when two "barrel" bombs were hurled from a speeding car among 100 Arab labourers standing by the main gate of the Consolidated Oil refinery plant on the Haifa-Acre road in north Palestine.

In a matter of seconds, hundreds of infuriated Arabs ran amok in the yard of the plant, stoning, punching and stabbing Jewish workers there.

The yard became filled with shrieking, milling, mauling and kicking men.

#### TROOPS CHARGE

Steel helmeted troops of the crack British cavalry regiment, the Third Hussars, charged into the centre of the riot, but did not disperse the fighters until the unusually role reached the highest figure for any single incident since the partition was announced.

Official estimates tonight said that 41 Jews were killed and seven wounded, with six Arabs dead and 42 wounded.

The barrel bombs which precipitated the riot were said to be similar in type to the one which killed 13 Arabs and wounded more than 30 at the Damascus Gate, Jerusalem, yesterday.

A stiff fight is anticipated in some quarters when the two blockade-runners, the Pan York and Pan Crescent, arrive with nearly 12,000 visable immigrants on board.

The ships, described as the best-fitted immigrant vessels yet seen by doctors who helped to examine them at the Bosphorus control point of Buyukdere, are now being shadowed through the Aegean Sea by units of the Royal Navy, a Reuter despatch from Athens stated today.

Other troubles reported in Palestine today included:

#### BRITISH POLICE KILLED

Jerusalem:—Three British policemen were killed in Jerusalem today, it was officially reported. One was killed outright and a second, died later of wounds when unknown assailants threw a hand-grenade and opened automatic fire in Agripolis Way, in the heart of the Jewish quarter.

A third fell under a hail of Arab bullets while on escort duty at the

UNRRA programme included US\$132,251,000 for food supplies, which we believe helped materially to alleviate starvation and suffering in food-deficient areas in China.

"We have high hopes that good crops from now on will further alleviate the situation, especially with the introduction of agricultural machinery and fertilizers under the agricultural programme."

"On the rehabilitation side, the UNRRA programme included US\$109,742,000 for rehabilitation of industrial enterprises and transporta-

tion and US\$72,400,000 for agricultural rehabilitation."

General Hooks did not give the figure for the medical programme, which included the flight by special plane of a number of consignments of urgently needed medical serums to avert epidemics."

The Director General added that the China operation was one of the most complex handled by UNRRA due to the nation's eight years of enemy occupation and the complete disruption of transportation.—United Press.

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Directed by ALFRED HALL A DOROTHY PRODUCER

Years later it may be the same

magistrate who sentences the un-

socked child, now a young hooligan,

to 14 days or more.

If the wretched father is still

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The purpose of this article is to

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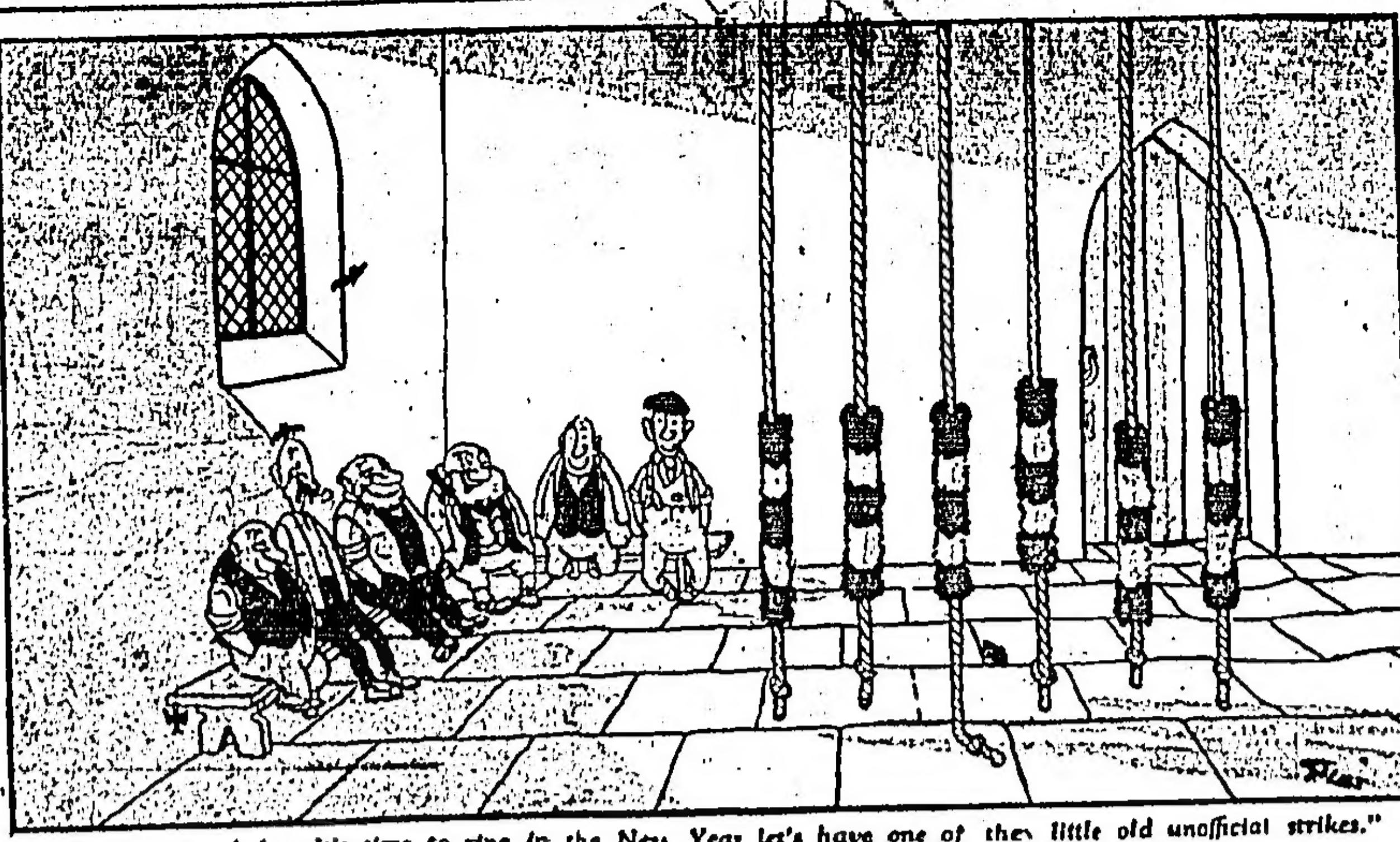
One pony, today is northern to your eyes and music to your ears.

Dorothy Lamour Eddie Bracken Gil Lamb Barry Sullivan in Technicolor

Directed by RALPH MURPHY Screenplay by Walter De Leon and Arthur Phillips

Rainbow Island

NEW YEAR ATTRACTION: "FIESTA"



Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

# Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

This is the second in the series of profound articles dealing with the Enslavement of Modern Man by Women, Children and Dogs. Ladies and Gentlemen (and children and dogs, too, if they like), N. Gubbins, Esq., presents How To Endure Children.

THE days when children were seen and not heard, or heard once and socked hard, are over.

These are the days when fathers are seen and not heard. It won't be long before they're socked by their sons and daughters if they don't behave themselves.

Already they are verbally socked by women if they offer any criticism of their children.

If they physically sock the woman and the children which is the normal, natural thing to do, they are hauled before a magistrate who socks them for a fine or 14 days or both with a lot of silly remarks thrown in.

Years later it may be the same magistrate who sentences the unsocked child, now a young hooligan, to 14 days or more.

If the wretched father is still alive he will be blamed and severely censured by this magistrate for not bringing his children up properly.

So you can see that whereas mothers and children and magistrates have rights (and even dogs have some) fathers have no rights at all.

The purpose of this article is to show you how to make the best of your miserable condition.

## Morning

MAVVE you want to read the paper on Sunday morning? Your father read the paper. So did your grandfather and probably his father before him.

But they lived in the days before it was discovered that children must have free expression; the days before every household had heard about psycho-analysis and babbled about complexes; the days before it was believed that if a child wasn't allowed to smash everything on the breakfast table it would grow up into an inhibited lunatic, determined to smash everything in the world.

When your grandfather wanted to read the paper he read the paper.

If anybody smashed anything at the breakfast table there were a couple of sharp cracks, a couple of yells, and dead silence.

Your grandfather went on reading the paper.

With you it will be different, despite the fact that crockery is now much more expensive and hard to come by.

When your small son (shall we call the little beast Eric?)—when your small son wants to express his horrid nature by banging his spoon on the porridge plate until he breaks it, you mustn't do anything about it, even though you are in the middle of one of those illuminating leading articles.

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You must give up reading the paper and maybe give up eating your breakfast, too, while Eric throws knives and forks on the floor.

If by any chance your repressed manhood asserts itself and you smack little Eric, then your wife will think you have lost your reason. That very evening she will write to her mother:

"Albert (that's you) hit Eric today. Of course, I know the war's

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IN grandfather's time (sorry to bring the old man up again) little boys went to bed after tea. But not little Eric.

If little Eric goes to bed too early he can't sleep and therefore yells. If he goes to bed too late he is overtired and howls just the same.

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TRY TO THINK OF SOMETHING BESIDES FOOD

HOW?

LET'S DROP INTO THE LIBRARY FOR A WHILE

ESSAYS

BACON

LAMB

I'M HUNGRY AGAIN

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as black Velvet!

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NAN KANG CO., UNION BUILDING

# RUSSIA UNLIKELY TO GIVE CHINESE REDS ALL-OUT AID

BY MILES W. VAUGHN

SOVIET Russia is not likely to intervene in force to assist the Chinese Communists in Manchuria and North China should the United States announce a programme of extensive military assistance to the Nanking Government designed to smash the Chinese Red troops. This is the opinion of high American and Chinese officials with whom I have talked recently.

It is generally agreed that the Russians have been given the Chinese Communists only limited military assistance thus far, and Russia is not in a position at this

time to risk an all-out conflict with the United States for the control of Eastern Asia. And the control of Eastern Asia is emphasized. Is precisely what is at stake when Japan seized Manchuria and developed it as a base for aggression in China Proper and Southeast Asia.

Russia, in the opinion of the same officials, still lacks most of the essentials for modern warfare. Her experts may possibly have some theoretical knowledge of how to make the atomic bomb, but they cannot actually make one because of the lack of a vast number of resources necessary for such a project.

Russia has no navy worth mentioning, and it is recalled that no great wars were ever won without control of the sea. Her industrial establishment is still more of a pigmy compared with that of the United States. Her communications system in Siberia is utterly inadequate to supply any great number of troops in Manchuria and North China provinces.

It is recalled that Russia retreated and entered into neutrality and non-aggression agreements when she faced the threat of superior military might from Germany and Japan, and it is believed that Russia will again retreat if she faces the threat of a superior military force from the United States and China.

## Jap Equipment

THE Russians unquestionably have supplied the Chinese Communist army great quantities of arms and ammunition and other military supplies surrendered to them by the Japanese in Manchuria and North Korea, her informants stated, and it is believed that they are still running in limited supplies on Soviet ships plying between Vladivostok and Dairen, in South Manchuria.

They have not been giving the Chinese Communists, however, any supplies or equipment which may be needed by Russia-armed forces.

It is recognized that Russia would, of course, start a tremendous propaganda barrage if the United States announced any programme of extensive military aid to China, but the United States and China would be in an excellent position to reply. They could stress, among other things, the fact that Russia utterly ignored those parts of the Yalta agreement designed to keep Manchuria open to all nations, that Russia still maintains an iron curtain around the South Manchurian port of Dairen, and that Russia repeatedly flouted provisions of the Sino-Russian treaty of 1945 on the obviously slimy pretext that a "state of war" still existed between Japan and the Allies.

## Bluff and Bluster

COME informants suggested that the United States and China start an immediate diplomatic offensive against the Soviet Union in the United Nations by filing a formal declaration with the UN that Russia's actions in Manchuria constitute "a threat to peace."

Russia is guilty of the gravest and most flagrant violations of her solemn privileges with regard to Manchuria," one official said. "She is wide open for a diplomatic offensive in the United Nations."

An American military expert, emphasising that the United States has adequate munitions and other supplies in possession of its Far East command to outfit 15 Chinese divisions at once, estimated that the Chinese Communist armed forces could be crushed in a quick campaign long before Russia could assemble men and materials to intervene, even if she wanted to do so.

It is believed that Russia's position in the Far East is based on a policy of "bluff and bluster," with very little real military force to support it in the event of a showdown.—United Press.

## "Nervous Frog"

A "nervous" frog with orange-coloured skin is among the London Zoo's new acquisitions from the Moscow Zoo.

The keepers say that it is so nervous among strangers that it lies down, folds its front legs and sighs death.—Associated Press.

By Ernie Bushmiller

*Women*  
**BEAUTY ARTS**  
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Lois Leeds wishes you a Happy New Year and tells you how to have one.

**A NEW YEAR!**

Well here's Now Year, a year in which to do all of the things that you have promised yourself!

I know of no better plan than one for your Health and Beauty. Lay your plans carefully now and be sure to keep to your self-imposed schedule.

It is important to go over your food and diet plans. If you are overweight, record your weight now. Then start a sensible Food Control plan. Of course, if you don't feel well, consult your physician. If you are underweight, the above advice is for you, also.

A set of exercises should be pinned to your work sheet.

Study your skin, your hair, your contour, then set to work. Deep cleansing for skin beautification and improvement, new makeup colours which will "do something" for your own special skin and hair colour. Get a new outlook on life—read books which will give you a new slant and provide food for thought as well as for conversation.

**GLITTER GOWN**

Minute Makeup  
by GABRIELLE

Very often you just haven't time to change your makeup. But you can refresh your skin and get a fresh glow! Wrap an ice cube in a bit of damp cotton. Sprinkle this with skin freshener or toilet water. Rub over throat and face. Press the perfumed ice cube over the closed eyelids. Press cosmetic tissues over throat and face, then pat on face powder. Brush off excess. A little accent with your lipstick—and there you are!

**SIDE GLANCES**

By Galbraith



"Honest, Mr. Simpson, I'm not really a witch! It's me, Rosemary, see?"

## Distress Brings Gain To Indian Racketeers

Lush new black market fields were opened by communal rioting and fighting in Kashmir, writes Associated Press correspondent Milton Kelly.

The eruption of fierce communal fighting caused acute shortages of food and other necessities. To those complaints were added the voices of opium smokers, who said their normal supply sources had been upset. Black marketeers took advantage of the situation.

### BEREAVED FAMILY'S PEACE MOVE

Because Capt. John Putnam, Jr., was shot down on his 52nd mission over Europe during the war, his sorrowing family has started a peace movement. It is gathering public support in America.

The peace movement, known as World Security Workers, has gained support of many leading citizens in different parts of the country. Dr. Albert Einstein is one of the supporters, its promoters claim.

The idea of world security workers, a crusade to create a mass demand for the establishment of world government, was born in the family of John B. Putnam, a Cleveland attorney.

After the death of John, Jr., the family felt it must do something to prevent a repetition of warfare. Out of months of discussion with civic leaders, World Security Workers emerged.

**World Government**

The organisation advocates centralised world government with law and a military arm to enforce its decision upon the nations, but has no blueprint of the form such a government should take. It is meant to serve only as an instrument through which millions of people wanting an orderly world, can make themselves heard by their government leaders, according to the founders.

The Putnams believe that when the swell of sentiment becomes impelling enough, extending through the U.S. and eventually that world, national leaders cannot resist the demand for the establishment of a world government.

**Formidable Wall**

"If Russia, at first, does not cure to come along," said Mrs. Putnam, who runs the organisation's office here, "she'll find herself behind a wall of people far more impeneable than the iron curtain."

"There has always been a government for war. Now we'll have a world government for peace with rules so strong that nobody can upset us again."

Membership in World Security Workers is accomplished by signing a pledge to give active support to the cause of world government. There are no dues.

### QUONSET HUT MONASTERY

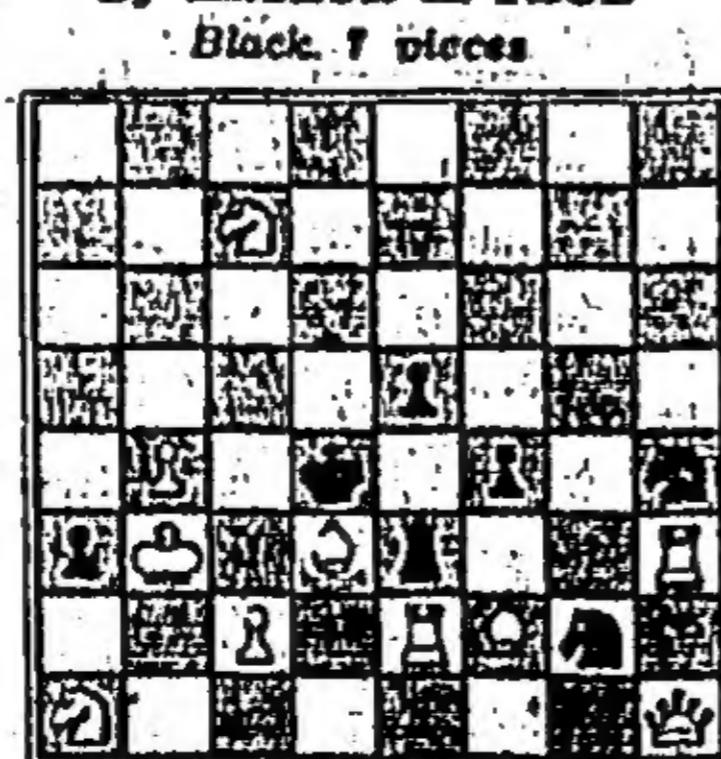
What may be the first monastery ever constructed of Quonset huts is to be built in Huntsville, Utah, for the Catholic order of Cistercians, or Trappist fathers.

Four Quonset huts will comprise the monastery, built in a 170-foot square, with a bell tower and crossing 71 feet.

This will be the fifth monastery of the order in the United States. The others are in Kentucky, Iowa, Georgia and Rhode Island.

### Check Your Knowledge

- Locate the Channel Islands.
- Denmark, Switzerland and Wisconsin; U.S.A. specialize in what cattle products?
- Name the author of "Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde."
- What are sounding hospitals?
- The caribou is found mainly in what region?
- Where was Rudyard Kipling born?

**CHESS PROBLEM**By ARTHUR A. PAUL  
Black, 7 pieces

White, 10 pieces.  
White to play and mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
(P-K4, 1. P-K5, 2. KxP,  
BxP, 3. PxK; 2. P-R4 ch),  
1. Kt (Kt) any; 2. Kt-R3  
(ch); others: 2. Kt-K6.

### DUMB BELL

REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE  
YES, HE'S A POST GRADUATE. HE GRADUATED FROM ONE OF THOSE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS!



### McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

In Rubber Bridge, Hold Your Doubles

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

♦ AK72	♦ QJ5		
♥ None	♦ Q8432		
♦ J402	♦ K95		
♦ 10984	♦ A92		
♦ 9874	♦ K6		
♦ 2	♦ K95		
♦ J107	♦ K97		
♦ 43	♦ Dealer		
	Scheuer		
	♦ 63		
	♦ AKQJ		
	♦ A95		
	♦ Q1085		
	Rubber—Neither vul.		
South	West	North	East
1	Pass	1	Pass
2	Pass	3	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	4	Pass
5	Pass	Pass	Double
Opening—	10	11	

TODAY'S interesting hand was sent to me by Jerome Scheuer of Boston, who played it in a rubber bridge game at the Boston Chess Club. This is one of the oldest clubs in the United States. It actually was a chess club, but today its members probably are not outstanding chess players. However, some of New England's finest bridge players are enrolled.

In commenting on this hand, Scheuer said he thought that North should have bid two diamonds instead of one spade. Also, he pointed out that East's double was very bad. Remember that at rubber bridge very little is gained by setting the contract—one trick, doubled or not doubled. Unless you are positive of setting a hand two tricks, you should not double. If you do, you may give the declarer information that will help him to make the contract. That is exactly what happened in this case.

Scheuer won the opening spade lead in dummy with the king, cashed in dummy with the ace and ruffed the third spade with the five of clubs. He realized that, in order to make the contract, the heart suit had to break. He cashed his four heart tricks—discarding four diamonds from dummy.

Then he cashed the act of diamonds and ruffed a small diamond in dummy with the deuce of clubs. Dummy's fourth spade was led. East was forced to ruff with the seven of clubs, and Scheuer over-ruffed with the eight. He then led the ten of clubs, and all East could do was to cash the ace and king. The last trick was won in dummy with the club jack.

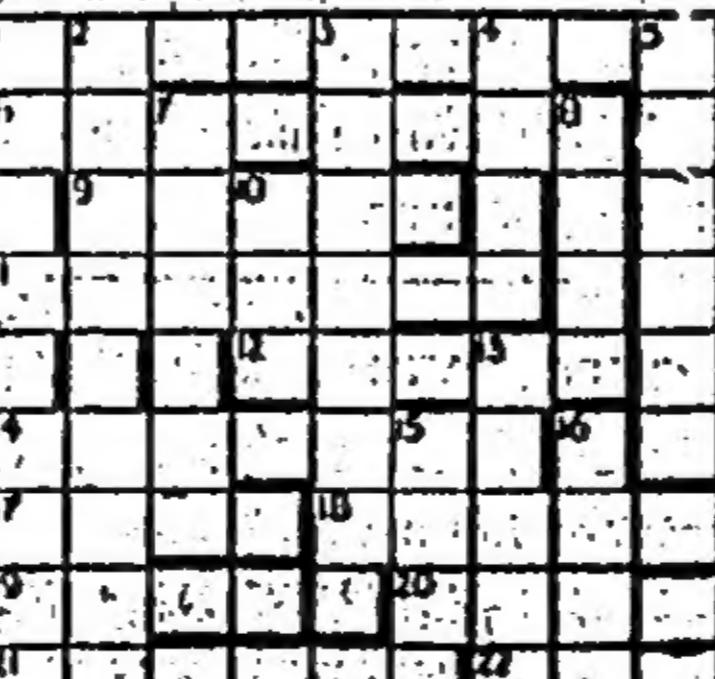
### Two Chinese Women Become Sikhs

Two Chinese women were converted to the Sikh religion on the eve of their wedding day in Seremban, Malaya. Both wore the Sikh national costume at their weddings. The grooms were Sikhs.

**Rupert and the Big Bang—5**

Reaching the ruins, Rupert can see no sign of Bingo, but in front of him is a steep slope leading to a door which is shut. He drops his satchel and creeps down to it and listens. There is no sound from Bingo, and he pauses. Then he sniffs. "Is there an awful queer smell, as if something's been burning?" he mutters. "I wonder if Bingo always smells like that. Oh, dear, I do wish I knew what this is that Bingo's doing and whether I can help him."

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

Across  
1. And 21. Looted door lace (10)  
but more likely to damage vegetables (10)  
2. Turn and make the best go (10)  
3. It's a first principle, but it  
was intended (10)  
4. Not the place for a claustrophobic (10)  
5. Quite sharp (10). See 1. Across.  
6. It might have been road (10)  
7. This can be violently erratic (10)  
8. The alternative to getting married (10)  
9. Work for the N.F.B. (10)  
10. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. —Answer:  
1. Calm. 2. Mandate. 3. Enclosed.  
4. Appear. 5. Threat. 6. Down. 7. Acrose.  
8. Mercenary. 9. Enclosed. 10. Up.  
11. Commander. 12. Neck. 13. Edges. 14. Gee.  
15. Commander. 16. Open. 17. Up. 18. Edge.  
19. Captain. 20. Edge. 21. Edge. 22. Edge.

## Lee Theatre

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"DIAMOND HORSESHOE"

**Preparing For 1950 PassionPlay**

Except for 87 members of the cast who are still prisoners of war, the famous Passion Play of Oberammergau is almost ready for its 1950 performance, the burgermeister of the renowned little Alpine town reports.

He explained that the players for 1950 will be elected by a special committee of townspeople. Since players must begin to let their hair grow 18 months before the performance, the players presumably will be selected before next fall.

The Garmisch denazification board, which handles Oberammergau's denazification cases, said it believed most of the players have been processed and only one has been sentenced to prison.

He is technician Jakob Burger, sentenced to two years in a labour camp. The others all were declared followers, and were fined but not sentenced to prison.

The town plans to move them into new

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settlements, but they are yet to be built.

**Comet Splits Into Two**

London, Dec. 30.—The new comet, "1947N," is reported to have split into two sections, which are now 1,200 miles apart, and going different ways.

This report is made by Copenhagen Observatory, but scientists at Greenwich Observatory have seen no signs of the split.

People at Plymouth and in Jersey and the Scilly Isles reported seeing "the comet last night. It was visible for about seven minutes."

The Plymouth observers declared they saw a bright star, orange in colour. Scilly Isles inhabitants said that the comet was low on the horizon at a few minutes past six.

A member of the Cambridge Solar Physics Observatory, however, says that the people probably were mistaken.—Reuter.

**GRIM FLOOD SPECTRE IN W. EUROPE**

London, Dec. 30.—France sought emergency credits tonight to cope with the vast floods which have rendered more than 1,000 persons homeless and plunged many large northeastern towns into darkness.

The principal rivers in Western Europe are in spate and still rising. The Rhine and its tributaries have overflowed at many points, bringing shipping to standstill and threatening the homes of basement dwellers in Cologne and other towns of Germany.

The French Council of Ministers decided to ask the National Assembly to vote supplementary credits, where necessary, for areas affected by the flooding, which left many large cities without heat and light.

River authorities are reported to be working "all-out" to minimise the threat to life and property.

Eighteen tons of food from the "Friendship Train," which brought the voluntary gifts to France from America, are to be sent to flooded areas of Eastern France.

**Collar Dwellers Move**

In Germany, families living in the cellars of wrecked houses in Cologne's old city are moving out as a safety precaution while the Rhine rises steadily.

Road traffic across the Rhine is obstructed by a partial collapse of the "Freeman" bridge near Dusseldorf when flood water swept a string of barges against one of the piers.

Considerable floods were also reported today from the Rhine's tributaries.

In the Cologne area, 50 vessels are immobilised.

Five French departments worst affected, are in the basins of the Meurthe and the Moselle rivers, where low-lying farms vanished under water.

Local military formations are carrying out rescue operations. Flooding in the Bas Rhin department, on the German frontier, is the worst for 50 years.—Reuter.

**Factory Shipped To China**

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The components parts of a small arms factory have been shipped from Canada to China as part of a \$10,000,000 deal between the two countries for Canadian military equipment.

Mosquito bombers, ammunition for the planes, and landing ground equipment are also included in the deal, which developed from the 1945 mutual aid agreement. It was disclosed.

The small arms ammunition making equipment included machine tools, power tools and presses.

When assembled, it would be able to produce 300 bullets used chiefly in the Lee Enfield rifle and certain medium machine guns.

It would also be able to turn out nine millimetre bullets used in Sten guns and in the new Canadian automatic pistol.—Reuter.

**P And Q Ships Returning**

London, Dec. 30.—Six more passenger liners of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company are expected to be back in regular service by the end of next summer.

These six ships will be in addition to two vessels which are now running on the service from Britain to India and Australia and from Britain to India and the Far East respectively.

The Strathaird leaves London for Australia next Friday on her first postwar voyage as a reconditioned passenger liner.

The six vessels are the Mooltan, Maldiv, Ranchi, Chital, Carthage and the Corfu. The Ranchi and Chital will take emigrants to Australia.—Reuter.

**INDIA TO TAKE KASHMIR CASE TO UNITED NATIONS**

London, Dec. 30.—India will ask the United Nations Security Council for judgment on the Kashmir issue if Pakistan does not, within the next few days, respond to India's request that the raiders be withdrawn from that state, it is reliably learned in New Delhi.

India has not, however, given Pakistan any specific deadline which would amount to an ultimatum, authoritative quarters stated.

India's decision to refer the Kashmir dispute to the Security Council is entirely proper and legal, according to United Nations legal counselors at Lake Success tonight.

The hope was expressed, however, that conciliation can still be effected between both parties.

According to Article 34 of the Charter, any state can bring to the attention of the Council "any dispute or any situation which might lead to international friction or determine whether the continuance of a dispute or a situation is likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security."

But legal experts at Lake Success point out that the preceding article of the Charter also recommends to states to seek first of all a solution of any dispute by negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration or judicial settlement before bringing it to the Security Council.

**Not Exhausted**

If all such measures fail—and there is a feeling here that conciliation has not been entirely exhausted—then nothing is left but to debate the issue in the Security Council.

"Although experience has shown that the Security Council is too

often unable to take positive action in political disputes," informed United Nations observers, "feel more optimistic about the Kashmir case, that it would appear on the surface that there are big power interests involved and no ideological or political aspects to the dispute."

It is, therefore, confidently expected at the headquarters of the United Nations that the Security Council may reach a solution acceptable to both parties, though not necessarily satisfying to either.

The United Nations has not as yet been informed officially by the dispute, and it is not regarded likely by United Nations observers that the case could start at Lake Success before the end of January at the earliest.

If the Kashmir issue comes before the Council, it is expected in London quarters that United Kingdom representatives will be instructed to give support to any proposal calculated to bring the earliest possible settlement of the problem which would avoid unilateral action by the Government of India.

**British Anxiety**

This is the first point which emerges from the news that India has declared her intention of laying a complaint against Pakistan over the Kashmir problem.

Authoritative London quarters tonight confirm that the Government of India has now informed the United Kingdom Government of its intentions.

The British Government, much concerned about the Kashmir situation, is known to be anxious to assist in measures likely to achieve a peaceful settlement between India and Pakistan.

No doubt every possible step would be taken to ensure the earliest possible hearing of the Government of India's complaint and Pakistan's own appreciation of the situation and her reply to the specific charges made by the Government of India.

There will, doubtless, be a general desire to avoid any lengthy process of argument and counter-argument that might delay a peaceful and friendly settlement.

Equally, if the matter is to be raised before the Security Council, there will be a desire to defer any action that might be prejudicial to an amicable outcome of the dispute.

Britain, as has been underlined time and again, like her Commonwealth sisters, has no status in the matter beyond that of a sympathetic observer, and no one questions the right of the Government of India to place the Kashmir issue before the Council, or the propriety of its action in so doing.

**TENNIS AND DOLLARS**

Paris, Dec. 30.—Marcel Hansenne, well-known French athlete who is a great friend of Yvon Petra, former Wimbledon tennis champion, today confirmed reports that Petra will shortly forego his amateur status.

According to Hansenne, Petra is establishing himself in Belgium where he will take up a contract with a Belgian firm of racquet makers and will devote himself to training the Belgian Olympic tennis team.—Reuter.

**PRICE OF INDEPENDENCE**

In some British political quarters tonight, however, there was a disposition to recall that the sub-continent of India, during her long struggle for independence, has always tended to resent anything in the nature of outside advice or arbitration.

The division of India into two dominions has been the inevitable price of independence, but to many sympathetic observers in London, the interests of India and Pakistan seem to be so closely bound up with one another politically and economically that it is impossible to think of the two nations looking over each other's frontiers as foreigners, let alone as enemies.

Many people in Britain and doubtless throughout the Commonwealth would hail as an act of supreme statesmanship a friendly settlement achieved directly by India and Pakistan.—Reuter.

**RING RATINGS**

Washington, Dec. 30.—The National Boxing Association, in the final ratings for the year, warned Willie Pep and Gus Lesnevich to make "long overdue" defence of their titles and at the same time declared Jersey Joe Walcott as the "logical contender" for the heavyweight crown.

Abo J. Greene, President of NBA, said both Pep, featherweight champion, and Lesnevich, light-heavyweight title holder, had been dilatory about arranging their defense.

Walcott was given the nod as the lone top challenger in the heavy-weight division because of his recent great fight against champion Joe Louis.

In the middleweight division, the N.B.A. placed Marcel Cerdan, of France, ahead of former middleweight champion Tony Zale among the aspirants for Rocky Graziano's crown.

On the welterweight title held by Ray Robinson, the N.B.A. refused to recognise any logical challenger. In the lightweight division Bob Montgomery, former champ, and Enrique Bolanos and Gene Burton were listed as the logical contenders for Ike Williams' crown.—United Press.

**GARDEN PROSPECTS**

New York, Dec. 30.—Two heavyweight boxers from Europe, who are as yet undefeated in their ring campaigns in the United States, are the favourite to win their matches in Madison Square Garden on Friday evening.

Fidel Archizor of Spain is a slight favourite to gain the decision over Tommy Gomez of Tampa, Florida, and Gino Butenug of Italy is expected to beat Rene Gosroy of Oklahoma.

Gomez, who was considered a first heavyweight prospect a few years ago, is trying to make a comeback campaign. A rocky youngster of Indian descent who recently turned professional, he has yet to use a bout.—Reuter.

**Philosopher Dead**

Cambridge, Massachusetts, Dec. 30.—Alfred North Whitehead, 86, internationally known philosopher, died today of a cerebral haemorrhage.—Associated Press.

DAB & FLOUNDER . . . by WALTER

**Commission Leaves For Korea**

Lake Success, Dec. 30.—The 27-member secretariat staff of the U.N. Temporary Commission on Korea will leave New York by plane on Friday.

A U.N. spokesman said the first meeting of the Commission on Korean soil is expected to be held on January 14. The Secretariat staff will fly via Tokyo. It is expected to reach Seoul on January 15.

The Commission itself is expected to reach Seoul simultaneously. One of its initial tasks will be to create the machinery for and supervise national elections, which will result in establishing a Korean constituent assembly. The UN Assembly resolution creating the Commission stipulated the elections must be held by March 31. The Commission was constituted as a nine-nation body, but its number was reduced to eight by the refusal of the Soviet Ukraine to accept appointment.

Five member nations have named their representatives. They are S. H. Jackson of Australia, Yu Wan-lu of China, Jean Louis Paul Boncours of France, Senator Milelio Arranz of the Philippines and Dr Zaki Djabi of Syria.

The Secretariat staff is headed by Dr Victor Hoo of China, Assistant Secretary-General of U.N. for trusteeship affairs.

The Commission, constituted to lay the groundwork for the independence of Korea, faces a major problem in what to do about North Korea. The Soviet Union, which occupies that half of the nation, has indicated it will not permit the Commission to operate there. The Southern section is operated by U.S. forces.—Associated Press.

**Decision On Japanese Reparations Felt Near**

Tokyo, Dec. 30.—The final United States stand on the Japanese reparations question and future industrial level appears to be closer to desolution today than the announcement that a group of American experts have departed for the United States after coming to Japan to study industrial conditions.

The reparations question is one of the hottest facing the Japanese today along with the exact industrial levels to be permitted—and what exact plants will be left intact.

An Allied Headquarters announcement said Mr Rufus J. Wyson and other remaining members of Overseas Consultants Incorporated left Tokyo this morning for the United States. Mr Wyson and assistants were brought to Japan in August at the request of Gen. Douglas MacArthur to study Japanese industrial levels.

Details of their report were not immediately available, and informed quarters in Allied Headquarters would not comment on the probable effect in the final reparations outcome. The Japanese regard the departure of the group as significant, pointing out that it obviously brings final decision closer.

At the same time, it is recalled that the original Clifford Strike report on the same subject called for more lenient terms than the first Allied survey and recommendations on reparations and permanent industrial levels. Mr Strike is head of Overseas Consultants. Japanese feel that the sooner the reparations picture is clarified they will be better armed to overcome the current difficulties—in which uncertainty over reparations removals and inflation constitute twin problems—and to achieve domestic stability.

The reparations items earmarked for the Philippines and awaiting shipment consist of 500 to 600 machine tools and secondary metal working machinery formerly belonging to Japanese arsenals.

SCAP officials pointed out that under the Far Eastern Commission directive the problem of transporting reparations from Japan is entirely up to claimant nations. They said there had been no priority in preparing for the transportation of goods-tools, dynamos, thermal plants, general machinery and chemical equipment—which are to be removed under the advanced transfer reparations programme by Japanese aggression.

Brig.-Gen. W. K. Harrison, Jr., Chief of SCAP's reparations section, reported SCAP had recently declared additional machinery and equipment in former Japanese army and naval arsenals available for allocation to the four claimant nations.

**5,000 ITEMS**

Previous allocations in the advance transfer programme had consisted of about 10,000 machine tools and secondary metal working machine of former Japanese arsenals. Up to the early part of December, reparations delegates of the four nations had inspected the equipment allocated to them in seven of 17 plants and submitted claims for 5,280 items from a total of 9,745 inspected.

The new equipment made available include most of the remaining types in arsenals. In general it consists of all movable machinery except special purpose equipment solely designed for war, equipment authorised for use in the occupation and certain other types exempted by the FEC policy.

Brig.-Gen. Harrison said the advance allocations would not exceed 30 percent of equipment located in approximately 90 former army and naval arsenals with their several hundred subordinate dispersal areas.—United Press.

**TO-DAY'S RADIO**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1947  
CLOSING TIMES BY AIR  
Shanghai, 0.30 a.m.  
Nanking, 1.30 a.m.  
Tsinling, 2.30 a.m.  
Canton, 3.30 a.m.  
Manila, 4.30 a.m.  
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